



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE
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Monday, April 16, 2012

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE MEETING. (12-1657)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chair Baird, Vice Chair Murray, Commissioner Moreno,
Commissioner McDonnell, Commissioner Tevrizian,
Commissioner Busansky and Commissioner Bonner

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (12-1309)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Baird at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the March 2, 2012 meeting minutes. (12-1500)

On motion of Commissioner Tevrizian, seconded by Commissioner Moreno and unanimously carried (Commissioner Bonner being absent), this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Report and updates by Miriam A. Krinsky, Executive Director. (12-1501)

Miriam Krinsky, Executive Director, addressed the Commission and responded to questions posed by the Commissioners.

Ms. Krinsky reported that the Executive Director's office is continuing to work with the General Counsel in coordinating and conducting interviews of various witnesses. In addition, the Executive Director's office met with key officials and also visited facilities in Riker's Island during a trip to New York and described New York's system as having numerous independent

oversight bodies that have their own accountability measures, access to the jails, and camera feed from the jails. She recognized their access to real time data and their use of tracking of inmate complaints as proactive in achieving accountability and oversight by the various bodies.

Ms. Krinsky indicated the Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence (CCJV) website had over 7,500 visits, averaging a little over 600 visits per week.

The CCJV community outreach event will take place the evening of Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the EXPO Center near USC. The Commission's Subcommittee members will be in attendance.

Ms. Krinsky is currently speaking with communications experts and anticipates hiring two individuals to provide support to the Commission in regard to strategies to maximize getting word out in regard to the community outreach event and the final release of the CCJV report.

The next meeting date has changed to Monday, May 14, 2012 at 9 a.m. and the remaining meetings will be held the first Friday of the month; however the June meeting may not be needed unless there are items continued from the previous meeting.

Member of the public Eric Previn addressed the Commission.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Krinsky asked for a motion to approve moving the Commission's regularly scheduled May meeting to a new date and time.

On motion of Commissioner Tevrizian, seconded by Commissioner Bonner, and unanimously carried, the Commission moved the May CCJV meeting to Monday, May 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

4. Report and updates by Richard E. Drooyan, General Counsel. (12-1502)

Richard Drooyan, General Counsel, addressed the Commission and responded to questions posed by the Commissioners. He indicated the ALADS proposal to redact all documents was not feasible; however the Sheriff is cooperating in providing summary information and only specific records will be requested. They are actively involved in the interviewing process and the testimony provided today will offer further witness perspectives.

On May 14, 2012, one former Sheriff Department individual is scheduled to testify and possibly additional former and current deputies will also testify. If needed, overflow testimony may be continued to the June 1st meeting. At the remaining Commission meetings (July, August, and September), the General Counsel and Executive Director expect to hear from the leadership and/or Command staff at the Sheriff's Department on what improvements they are currently making in the jails; experts on their view of best practices; and the Deputy General Counsel will present their team findings. Mr. Drooyan asked for the Commissioners' views as they move forward on the order in which things should be heard during these remaining meetings.

Discussion regarding the access to personnel and disciplinary records ensued. Mr. Drooyan explained the process will be reviewing summaries to establish the number of incidents and requesting only specific records with redacted information. The CCJV investigatory teams will analyze only specific incidents that will lead to review of a limited number of incidents and deputies. Unreported use of force can be documented by obtaining disciplinary records in which deputies failed to report an incident. He added that medical records are limited by HIPPA restrictions and can only be obtained if a medical release is signed by an inmate.

Mr. Drooyan advised that the Commission must try to determine why the problem of excessive use of force exists and if the force used is necessary. If so, is it due to a cultural, management, or disciplinary problem. This determination will lead to a solution and recommendations to the Sheriff who has pledged full cooperation.

Duncan Roy and Gabriel Carrillo addressed the Commission. Ronald Kaye, Attorney for Mr. Carrillo, addressed the Commission and responded to questions posed by the Commissioners.

III. PRESENTATIONS

5. Testimony from representatives of the ACLU of Southern California and Men's Central Jail clergy. (12-1506)

Mary Tiedeman, former ACLU Jail Monitor (JM) responded to questions posed by General Counsel Richard Drooyan regarding her background, her duties while employed as a JM and her experience at Men's Central Jail (MCJ) from August 2006 through August 2010.

Esther Lim, current ACLU JM responded to questions posed by General Counsel Richard Drooyan regarding her background, her current duties as a JM at MCJ, her observations while on duty at MCJ and Twin Towers, and the ACLUs process of assessing reports received.

Margaret Winter, Associate Director of the ACLU National Prison Project responded to questions posed by Executive Director Miriam Krinsky regarding her background, her perceptions of the LA jails, and her experience in litigation concerning prison conditions.

A question and answer period ensued with Ms. Tiedeman, Ms. Lim and Ms. Winter responding to questions posed by the Commission. Ms. Winter advised the Commission to listen to expert testimony, excessive use of force victims, and consider expert recommendations when reporting their findings and recommendations to the Board.

Members of the public Alex Sanchez, Rodrigo Vasquez, and Walter Magaña addressed the Commission.

Chair Baird reminded Commissioners that Ms. Krinsky was designated by the Commission to serve as their point of contact with the press and media contacts should be directed to speak with Ms. Krinsky.

Open session recessed at 12:26 p.m. for the purpose of lunch. Present were Commissioners Moreno, McDonnell, Tevrizian, Busansky, Bonner, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding.

Open session reconvened at 1:16 p.m. Present were Commissioners Moreno, McDonnell, Tevrizian, Busansky, Bonner, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding.

MCJ Chaplain Paulino Juarez responded to questions posed by Mr. Drooyan regarding his background, current duties, and instances where he witnessed excessive use of force dating back to 2000 through 2009. He also responded to questions posed by the Commissioners.

Sister Patty Bartlett, MCJ Senior Catholic Chaplain, responded to questions posed by Ms. Krinsky regarding her background, duties and her concerns regarding excessive use of force instances as well as one incident in 2007 where she observed use of force.

Father George Horan responded to questions posed by Deputy General Counsel Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha regarding Father Horan's background, duties and observations of excessive force.

Sister Patty and Father George responded to questions posed by Ms. Krinsky and the Commissioners.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

6. Items not on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-1508)

There were no items addressed.

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-1510)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

8. Adjournment. (12-1511)

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.